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Thursday, 29 October 2026 | Executive and director-level brief

⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Thursday, 29 October 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 244 | Hormuz Day 244 | IAEA Blackout Day 243 | Ebola PHEIC Day 166

COMCON 4 -- INCREASED VIGILANCE (see DTR Full Section 6)

WX-CON 2 SLIGHT -- W/Central TX and SE NM (WPC Day 1 Slight, flash flood)

SWX-CON: STAND-DOWN

Publication (UTC)	29 OCTOBER 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	28-OCT-2026 1600Z through 29-OCT-2026 1600Z (24 hours)
SOP	v5.64 Addendum | ICD 203/206 Compliant | Registry v2.25 | 56 mandatory: 32 checked, 10 route-blocked, 14 not run or inconclusive -- per-source disposition retained in the build log.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 29-OCT-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | Hormuz Day 244

No new Iran-linked arrest or charge in the US or UK; CISA set a 31-OCT deadline for an exploited Linux kernel flaw. The IRGC claims three tankers mined (unverified); Iran pushes a 7-day plan; WSJ: Gulf states told to prepare for a short US campaign after 03-NOV. Brent $113.96.

The coalition intercepted a Houthi missile aimed at the Eastern Province; Ras Tanura is still unconfirmed.

WX-CON 2 SLIGHT: flash-flood risk for W/Central TX and SE NM today, Arizona Fri-Sat; G1 watch 31-OCT; HIGH-GAP ended.

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | WX-CON 2 SLIGHT | SWX-CON STAND-DOWN

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- Mine claim; 7-day plan	IRGC claims three tankers mined (no UKMTO confirmation); WSJ reports a short US campaign planned after the midterms. Full DTR: Section 3.
SEC 8D TROPICAL -- Vance ends; entry closed	Vance becomes a remnant low today; its moisture drives the TX/NM flood risk. Full DTR: Section 8D.
WATCH GEO-YEM-001 -- Eastern Province intercept	A Houthi missile aimed at the Eastern Province was intercepted 29-OCT; Ras Tanura unconfirmed. Full DTR: Section 3.
WATCH NUC-001 -- Inspectors for relief?	Axios: Qatar floats UN inspectors for sanctions relief; Iran calls it unacceptable; blackout Day 243. Full DTR: Section 3.

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SEC 5 SEISMIC -- Easter Island M6.4	M6.4 in the Easter Island region (PAGER green); M5.8 Philippines; no US impact. Full DTR: Section 5.
HIGH CYB-001 / PHY-001 -- Linux kernel due 31-OCT	Patch the exploited Linux kernel flaw by 31-OCT; PHP is due today; no new UK or US charges. Full DTR: Sections 4A and 4B.
WATCH SWX-001 / PHS-002 -- G1 watch 31-OCT; Ebola 10,060	SWPC G1 watch for 31-OCT; WHO says the DRC adds 50-80 Ebola cases a day; CDC count 10,060. Full DTR: Sections 8C and 10.
SEC 8 WEATHER -- TX/NM flash flood; Arizona next	WPC high-end Slight for W/Central TX and SE NM; 10 FFWs overnight; MN/WI: 12 SVR, weak WI tornado. Full DTR: Sections 8 and 8B.
SEC 6 COMMUNICATIONS -- cables, GPS, HF, cellular	Subsea cables: 14 active incidents, no US landing affected; NWR: 29 impaired (10 SE Alaska degraded, Altus OK out); HIGH-GAP ended. Full DTR: Sections 6 and 8B.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. **Personnel abroad:** WSJ reports a post-midterm campaign; check State advisories and enroll travelers in STEP.
2. **Saudi Arabia / Gulf:** Eastern Province missile intercepted; ordered departure stands; defer nonessential travel.
3. **Network edge:** Patch the exploited Linux kernel flaw by 31-OCT; PHP due today; VMware ESX by 11-NOV.
4. **Maritime / energy:** IRGC claims three tankers mined (unverified); Brent $113.96; keep Gulf routing under review.
5. **Weather:** WPC Slight flash flood TX/SE NM today, AZ Fri-Sat; NWR out in SE NM; G1 watch 31-OCT.
6. **Elections:** Israel 53/48/19, no majority (results 04-NOV); the US votes 03-NOV; review event security.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE IRAN CONFLICT THIS CYCLE

Energy / fuel: Brent $113.96 and WTI $101.50 (29-OCT); AAA regular $4.23, diesel $6.33.

Maritime / supply chain: IRGC claims three tankers mined; no UKMTO confirmation (unverified).

Escalation trajectory: WSJ: post-midterm campaign planning; Iran's 7-day plan; Qatar pushes talks.

Households: no new safety action from the Iran conflict; pump prices eased 2 cents. Travelers abroad should check State advisories.

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES (updated 29-OCT)

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS	EBOLA PHEIC
$113.96/bbl	**$4.23 regular**	**29 impaired**	**10 issued**	**10,060 / 4,887**
29-OCT; WTI $101.50.	AAA, 29-OCT; diesel $6.33.	weather.gov feed 29-OCT; 12 states; 3 out in SE NM.	28-29 OCT; 6 in New Mexico.	DRC to 25-OCT (CDC); Day 166.

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 IRAN: MINE CLAIMS AND A POST-MIDTERM WINDOW:

The IRGC claims three tankers were mined (unconfirmed), and the WSJ says Gulf states were told to prepare for a short US campaign after 03-NOV.

LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. At least one further merchant vessel is struck or forcibly diverted in Hormuz, the Gulf or the Gulf of Oman before the next cycle.

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WHAT WOULD CHANGE THIS: UKMTO confirmation of the IRGC claim, a US strike, or a deal under Iran's 7-day plan; indicators in GEO-CF-IRAN, Full DTR Section 3.

KJ-2 SAUDI FRONT: EASTERN PROVINCE TARGETED:

A Houthi missile aimed at the Eastern Province was intercepted 29-OCT; Ras Tanura is still unconfirmed by Saudi Arabia.

LIKELIHOOD: very likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. Further Houthi strikes or attempted strikes inside Saudi Arabia before the next cycle.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE THIS: A missile that gets through to an Eastern Province oil site, or a Houthi-Saudi pause; Full DTR Section 3.

KJ-3 HOMELAND AND SOUTHWEST FLOODS:

No new Iran-linked charges; WPC has a high-end Slight flood risk for TX/SE NM today and Arizona Fri-Sat. Full DTR Sections 4B and 8.

LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: LOW. A confirmed Iran-linked attack or disrupted plot against a US-based target is publicly reported before the next cycle.

LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. At least one Flash Flood Warning is issued for part of Arizona before the next cycle.

IN TODAY'S FULL DTR

21 pages, 13 scored entries with SALUTE, alternative hypotheses and forecast grading. New: the IRGC mine claim, the 7-day plan, the WSJ campaign report, the Linux kernel deadline, the G1 watch and the TX/NM flood risk.

28-OCT forecast scorecard: 26 correct or met, 2 not met, 2 not verified, 1 pending. Full grading in the DTR Full.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

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